

Potential fire hazards in a home

Hazards that must be remediated:

- Overloaded or unsafe electrical circuits
- Place wire connections in junction boxes
- Repair frayed wiring
- Have client remove combustibles in CAZ areas
- Clean out clogged dryer vent
- Clear blocked flues or chimneys
- Volatile Organic Compounds: have client discard or remove
- Have client remove combustibles that are too close to a fireplace

Educate client if you find the following:

- overloaded electrical outlet
- frayed cords on electrical appliances
- electrical cords run underneath carpets or furniture
- matches and lighters placed where kids can reach them
- paper, fabric, trash, or other combustible materials left too close to heat sources such as furnaces, hot water heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, etc..
- curtains located too close to the bulbs in torch-style halogen lamp
- clothing draped over lamp where it could start to burn
- clothing left too close to the space heater where it could catch fire
- electrical equipment left on when no one is in the room
- smoking in bed
- towel too close to the stove top; pot holders or kitchen towels stored too close to stoves
- smoke alarm battery missing
- candle too close to upholstered materials and left unattended
- mesh screen missing from in front of the fireplace
- newspapers left too close to the fireplace where a spark could ignite them

Space heaters

- Keep flammable materials at least three feet away from space heaters.
- Turn off space heaters when you leave your house.
- Check electric space heaters for fraying or splitting wires, or overheating.